

The Acting Dean and Head of the School of Law Professor Michael Kidd
cordially invites you to attend a Human Rights Dialogue and UKZN Law Clinic 50th Anniversary Celebration



Human Rights Dialogue and UKZN Law Clinic *50th Anniversary Celebration*

THEME:

Tackling and surmounting unfinished business in South Africa's democracy:
The problem of Socio-economic injustices 30 Years into a constitutional democracy.

DATE

Tuesday,
19 March 2024

VENUE

Howard College Theatre,
Howard College Campus, UKZN

TIME

14H00

TO RSVP

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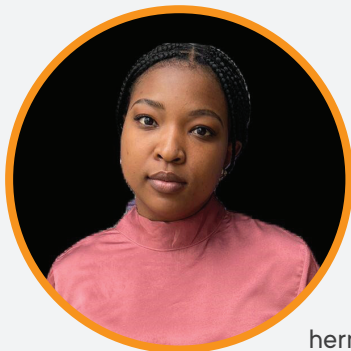
to confirm attendance

In commemoration of the 30th anniversary of democracy in South Africa, this legal dialogue seeks to delve into the crucial question of whether the nation's executive has judiciously harnessed its resources to champion and ensure socio-economic justice for its populace.

This event primarily aims to cultivate a forum for meaningful discourse, incisive contemplation, and synergistic endeavours among academics, legal practitioners, human rights activists, university students, and the broader community. By engaging with these thematic underpinnings, participants are poised to contribute to shaping the trajectory of human rights and socio-economic progress in South Africa for succeeding generations.

The Dialogue will be followed by a celebration of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of UKZN's Law Clinic. For half a century UKZN's Law Clinic at Howard College Campus has championed the cause of human rights through providing free access to legal services and offering support to vulnerable communities and training law students via clinical legal education.

FACILITATOR:



Ms Rorisang Matlala

Lecturer

Ms Rorisang Matlala is a lecturer at UKZN School of Law. Matlala has five (5) years in academia this includes her experience as a junior lecturer and research assistant at NWU; and as a candidate attorney at Maponya Attorneys and The Law Clinic at NWU. Matlala completed her LLM in Public Law and Legal Philosophy. Her research focuses on the following: International Law, Human Rights Law, Gender & Law, Constitutional hermeneutics, and Criminal law. Her LLB was accepted for publication in 2021 by the African Journal of International and Comparative Law. Her paper on feminist legal theory was published in the second issue of the 2022 volume of the South African Law Journal. She has had a great impact on society, particularly on the safety and wellbeing of women against the scourge of gender-based violence. In this regard, she co-founded the Join Me Help Her project which is an initiative to create a digital solution that helps to combat gender-based violence. Her latest work include publishing a book chapter with Routledge, in a book titled "Corruption Proofing in Africa".

PANELISTS:



Professor David McQuoid-Mason

Professor of Law based at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, UKZN

Professor David McQuoid-Mason established one of the first university law clinics in South Africa, he is an A-rated National Research Foundation researcher and has taught some of South Africa's best legal minds.

Professor McQuoid-Mason began teaching law in 1971 and celebrated 50 years in academia in 2021. He not only established the first law clinic at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban in 1973, but also founded the first Street Law legal literacy programme in South Africa in 1986, which has seen him visit more than 132 countries worldwide, conducting clinical legal education and medico-legal training, and assisting with the drafting of legal aid legislation.

McQuoid-Mason is the President of the Commonwealth Legal Education Association, a former member of the Human Rights, Ethics and Professional Practice Committee of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, and a member of the Steering Committee of the Global Alliance for Justice Education. He was awarded a Special Mention by UNESCO for his work in human rights education; and the 'Advocate of the Year' award by Street Law Incorporated (USA). He has received Honorary Doctorates for his world-wide access to justice and clinical legal education work, from the University of Windsor in Canada and the University of Northumbria in the United Kingdom.

To date, McQuoid-Mason has published more than 200 articles in law and medical journals contributed and more than 70 chapters to books, and co-authored 24 books and manuals.

PANELISTS:



Mr Vusumuzi Mkhize

Chief Executive Officer: South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC)

Mr Vusumuzi Mkhize holds an MBA degree from the De Montfort University, Leicester, UK. Prior, he obtained Bachelor of Education (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts both from Unisa. Before then he obtained a Primary Teachers Diploma from Indumiso College of Education.

Mr Mkhize was appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the South African Human Rights Commission on 27 March 2023.

He is a former Director General of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture where he served from 2017 to 2022. Prior to that, he served as the Chief Director as well Deputy Director General of the Department of Home Affairs. He also served as District Director at the Department of Education in Gauteng. He is a strategist who brings a lot of experience in management, leadership, organisational development and change (turn around).

Mr Mkhize has been passionate about education, human development and well-being of others from an early age. As such, he is adamant to lead the Commission in conjunction with Commissioners and staff to tackle some of the prevalent human rights challenges facing the country. Racism, poverty, inequality, high level of violence especially against women and children are some of the immediate challenges that require urgent attention and must be uprooted.



Ms Naomi Webster

Senior Manager: Strategic Support, Public Protector South Africa

Ms Naomi Webster is the Senior Manager: Strategy Support at the Office of the Public Protector South Africa. She holds a law degree from the University of KwaZulu-Natal; a human rights, gender rights, monitoring and evaluation diploma as well as women and law and labour law certificates. Webster has over twenty years working experience in various sectors including academia, non-governmental organizations, national government department and constitutional institutions. Her career highlights include establishing a national coordinating structure on victims rights within the justice, crime prevention and security cluster; establishing a project on gender based violence and the health sector at the SA Medical Research Council, launching Youth desks at local government and establishing the first-ever Women and Gender Forum at the SA Human Rights Commission.

Webster has also published research reports, academic articles and mainstream media articles on various issues including gender-based violence, race and gender, criminal justice and human rights. Webster is the founder of Palesa Book Club which has been in existence for over ten years.